GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF RAM MANDIR AT RAMTEK IN MAHARASHTRA
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have turned down the proposal of beautification and conservation of Ram Mandir at Ramtek forwarded by Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDCL);

(b) if so, the details of the proposal made by MTDCL; and

(c) the reasons for turning down the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) Every year State Governments including Maharashtra bring a list of proposals for prioritisation by Government of India.These proposals are discussed with representatives of the State Governments based on availability of financial resources and tourism potential of the projects. The proposal for beautification and conservation of Ram Mandir at Ramtek was not prioritised in the context of the priorities of other projects proposed by Government of Maharashtra in view of the resource constraints.

(b) The proposal of the Government of Maharashtra did not contain full details of the project for beautification and conservation of Ram Mandir at Ramtek since they are not required to spell out full details at the prioritisation stage.

(c) The priorities were given to other projects proposed by Government of Maharashtra in consultation with the representatives of the State Government and resource constraints of the Government of India.